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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 3533

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PINT, ET

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING OF AMCIT

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 12028; B. ADDIS ABABA 12037

1. ON DECEMBER 2 TWO AMCIT TOURISTS, CHARLES YAKICH AND THOMAS DALE, REPORTED TO CONSULAR OFFICER POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING OF AMCIT IN ETHIOPIA. YAKICH AND DALE STOPPED IN METEMMA NOV 27 LOOKING FOR TRANSPORTATION TO GONDAR AND AT THAT POINT SPOTTED THREE WOUNDED ETHIOPIAN MEN AT POLICE STATION. ONE ETHIOPIAN, WHO WOUNDED IN CHEST, INFORMED YAKICH AND DALE THAT HE DRIVER OF TRUCK WHICH AMBUSHED BY SHIFTA BETWEEN GONDAR AND METEMMA ON APPROXIMATELY NOV. 17. ETHIOPIAN DRIVER STATED HE WAS CARRYING TWO TOURISTS AS PASSENGERS, ONE AMERICAN AND ONE BRITISH NATIONAL, BOTH OF WHOM KIDNAPPED BY SHIFTA. DRIVER ALSO THOUGHT ONE OF TOURISTS WOUNDED IN ARM. YAKICH AND DALE SPOKE DIRECTLY TO DRIVER AFTER WHICH THEY DECIDED, WISELY, RETURN KHARTOUM.

2. IT POSSIBLE THIS INCIDENT SAME AS REPORTED REFTELS. HOWEVER, PARA 1 REF A LISTS KIDNAP DATE AS NOV 25, WHEREAS ABOVE INCIDENT ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE NOV 17. THEREFORE, IT CONVEIVABLE THIS SEPARATE INCIDENT. NO NAMES AVAILABLE, OF COURSE, OF AMCIT AND BRITISH NATIONAL WHO REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED.

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3. BOTH YAKICH AND DALE WERE TOLD BY LOCAL ETHIOPIAN POLICE OR  
MILITARY OFFICIALS THAT THEY BELIEVED THEM TO BE CIA AGENTS.  
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